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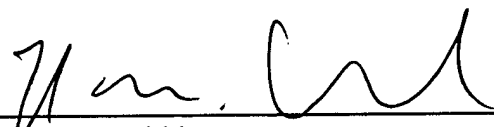
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AUTHORIZATION FOR EXTENSIONS OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(A)(3)

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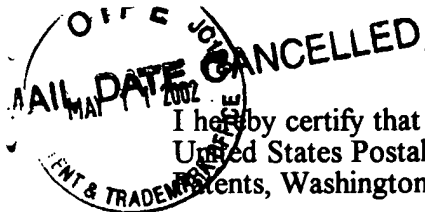
With respect to the above-identified application, the Commissioner is authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) for its timely submission as incorporating a petition therefor for the appropriate length of time. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

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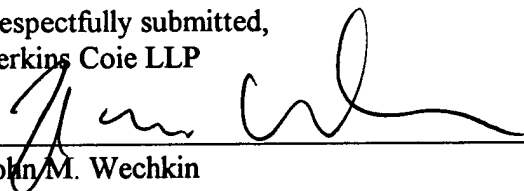
Applicant herewith petition the Commissioner of Patents under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for a five-month extension of time for filing the response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated October 3, 2001, from December 3, 2001, to May 3, 2002. A check in the amount of \$4270 is enclosed, which includes the \$1960 extension fee. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-0665. This petition is being submitted in triplicate.

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